

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2004
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, entered the meeting late. There was no one present from the news media.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the October 19, 2004 meeting were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Bridges reminded Council of the tax abatement seminar on the 17th.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT * * *

Pavey reported there was a meeting regarding the amphitheater. He said there were contractors who expressed a desire to be involved to some extent.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Street – The Board of Works approved to hire Stephen Michael Land as a laborer for the Sanitation Department.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Wilson Estate Bids – There were no bids received on the Wilson Estate lots.

Annexation Water & Sewer Bonds 2nd Reading - Sheehan made a motion to approve the amendments requested by Rural Development to the sewer bond ordinance. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2004-21- Sewer Bond – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-21 on second reading. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheehan made a motion to approve the amendments requested by Rural Development to the water bond ordinance. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2004-20 – Water Bond – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-20 on second reading. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Wage Study Presentation – Kent Irwin from Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates, Inc., gave a presentation on a wage study. He said it would take approximately 5–6 months from start to finish. The estimated cost is approximately \$17,000.00.

Resolution 2004-25 – Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-25, adding monies back to appropriations. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Unsafe Building Code – Newhouse said we need to establish a letter of enforcement. He said if this were passed we would repeal our current rental ordinance. Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-24 Establishing an Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of Unsafe Buildings and Unsafe Premises Within the City of Rushville. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-25 Establishing the Adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code for the City of Rushville, with the Mayor and his designee to fill in the time frame blanks. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Billboards/Moratorium – Sheehan asked if Pavey, as President of the City Council, could send a letter to the County Commissioners asking them to enforce a moratorium on billboards just outside the City limits for at least one mile. Pavey said he thought it might be helpful to also have the Zoning Board and the Mayor write letters. Sheehan made a motion to have Pavey draft a letter to the Common Council Minutes

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Commissioners regarding a one-mile moratorium outside the City limits for billboards. Mayor Bridges will attend the Commissioner's meeting and deliver the letter. Sheehan and McGowan volunteered to attend the meeting too. McGowan seconded the motion. Byrne said he thought if we explained why we wanted this then maybe they would agree.

Wilson Estates – Byrne made a motion not to readvertise to sell the lots at Wilson Estates. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was also agreed not to talk about selling the lots again until next year.

There being no further business to come before Council, Sheehan made a motion to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER